

VISION

Pensacola District United Methodist Women

Fall 2021

2021 Calendar of District Events

September 25th — UMW Fall Fellowship

October 23rd — Spiritual Day Apart

We will contact each Unit if any changes.



September 25, 2021
Community Life UMC

Gulf Breeze

Finding New Life in a Covid Culture

Rev. Pamela Avery
Speaker

Rev. Pamela Avery taught music for twenty years as a first career, then following two bouts with cancer, she moved to Pensacola to do ministry. She has been in pastoral ministry for eighteen years, currently serving as Associate Pastor at Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church. She is also a certified Spiritual Director and a member of the Sacred Space Spiritual Direction Training Team. She began work with the Enneagram Personality Profile ten years ago and has led numerous retreats and trainings around the Pensacola area and beyond. She delights in teaching and leads several Bible studies and classes at Gulf Breeze UMC.



Her late husband, the Rev. Dr. Charles Avery, passed away in July of 2020. She has two sons, two daughters-in-love, and three precious grandchildren. Her joy is to help people find their own joy!

Please register by email by Sept. 20. Send RSVP to Judi Dickens: dickensjudi@yahoo.com. (We will follow Covid protocol: Wear facemasks and social distance.) Event begins at 9:00 a.m.



October 23, 2021

Gulf Breeze UMC

Rev. Jean Tippit
Speaker



Rev. Jean Tippit currently serves as the District Superintendent for the Marianna/Panama City and Pensacola Districts. Her previous appointments include the Discipleship Pastor at Christ UMC Mobile, St. Francis Street/West Wilmer/Whistler as an associate, Grace UMC in Mobile and Bonifay UMC. She was ordained as an elder in 2016. She served as a youth minister for twenty years in the Alabama-West Florida Conference before answering her call into pastoral ministry. She completed her undergraduate studies in communications at the University of South Alabama and received her Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary. She is married to Keith and they have two adult daughters; Amy (Adam) and Ashley.

Save the date. A flier will be sent.

President's Message

Hey UMW Ladies!

Just a quick note to check in with ya'll. I told God that he can turn down the heat now that I'm well baked!

Can't wait to see everyone on September 25th. Rev. Pam Avery will be our speaker. We will also have crafting. Make sure you register so I can have enough crafts for everyone. We will be practicing social distancing and wearing masks!

Be sure to save October 23 to meet and hear our new District Superintendent, Rev. Jean Tippit.

See ya' soon!!

Sharon Hogan



Coffee, Tea and Me Gulf Breeze UMW

Growing Older and Wiser—Books Can Help

On August 14, local author, Kathleen Vestal Logan, treated members and guests to a wonderful program on the many values and joys of reading. She included highlights from several UMW Reading Program books. The Reading Program is the heart of what UMW is—spiritual growth, nurturing for community, social action, education in mission, and leadership. Having books preselected in each of these categories provides motivation and opportunity to read things we wouldn't normally read, to learn things we may never have thought about, to grow spiritually and to increase our knowledge on many issues. Reading Program books were displayed and available to check out. Keep reading!



Kathleen Vestal Logan, author of *Women's Wisdom: Pass It On!* and co-author with E. L. (Betsy) Smith, PhD of *Second Blooming for Women: Growing a Life that Matters after 50*.

Community Life UMW Milk and Honey

Milk and Honey Outreach Ministries is a community-based non-profit (501C3) organization that provides early intervention programs for at-risk children and youth in Pensacola's inner city. They have a Kids Club after school program providing tutoring, reading, and homework assistance for at risk youth. They serve an average 25 students per week grades K-5.



Community Life UMW-Esther Circle is helping their focus on reading by providing bookcases and books for the kids at Milk and Honey. Some books will remain at the facility and some will be given to children to take home to read.



Pledge Money

With fall nearly here and units getting back in session please get your pledges to me ASAP. If you are having difficulties getting the pledges paid, maybe a fundraiser is needed. We are $\frac{3}{4}$ through the year and only 25% of our district pledge is paid. I need all of you to help me pay our \$20,000 pledge to Conference. If you can, please get some of it to me by the end of September and the rest by the end of November.



Thank you,
Margaret Larson, District Treasurer

Fall Greetings

Welcome to Autumn and hopefully cooler weather. We have turned the corner of 2021 with hopes of returning to our way of life before Covid but that doesn't seem to be happening. Zoom has been a blessing for staying in touch but can never compare to 'face to face' meetings. Annual Day was so special because we were able to be with each other in person.



Our Mission Study was canceled at the last minute due to the gas shortage and the Pensacola Bridge still damaged.

Now we have the opportunity to once again move forward together "in person." Sept 25th is our Fall Fellowship at Community Life UMC. You will enjoy hearing Rev. Avery's presentation. Then Oct 23rd our Spiritual Day Apart will be at Gulf Breeze UMC to celebrate together and to meet our new District Superintendent and speaker, Rev. Jean Tippit.

I am so ready to be with all of you, to see your faces, hear your voices and your stories.

As Always,
Joan Simmons, Vice President

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9